

If thou woulds't read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills .-- Longfellow.

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Dreams

THE WILLIAMS COUNTRY RIVER

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tere is a wilderness of about a thousand square miles of the finest sort of spruce woods, practically intouched, and in which game and fish are making a last stand, Williams River drains the best portion of this country. The high mountains and deep woods are not on the main Alleghany. The Allegiany here is not au pressive mountain. It owns its sucontinent.

In West Virginia, the fur (far) Monntains are the ones that rise to majestic heights and are patriarchal hunter and trapper living in this forest.

When the war clouds began to lower on his house in the fifties, Hammonds refageed from Kentucky, seeking a safe retreat, and settled on Williams River, and for thirteen years not a stranger darkened his door. The great Civil War was fought without his know-Webster, in which he lived. formed an Independent government, neither recognizing the North nor the South, and 'elected a governor, and is still referred to in State conventions as the "Independent State of Webster."

called "Hannah Gutting fim!" port. They reported that the land Methinks I hear your echoes an-He explained the music to me was without value, because the one time and I must confess that timber was too big to make it And bid your son a welcome home it seemed as real to me as any practical to clear. The holders then high grade composition. I record- were glad to te'l atforty-two certa

hone disc and have reproduced it often since, down to the re-

lieved it to be an entirely new then.

and original piece of music, vere killed at the vari

clothed in the sombre hues of the ninety thousand feet of timber is the benefit. spruce. Some idea of this wilder; the finest fishing place I konw. The

> lies sluggish and deep for two runs through unbroken forests. the Deadwater as the Watering Ponds, and whenever there came

a drought in the jungle here was the signs of one hundred and sevwhere the wild things came to enteen bears in one day's ing anything about it. The county dripk. As it is, it is a great refuge hunt. That seems a good for the fish, and innumerable many bears, but I have hun-

suckerscome up in shoals in the ted and fished so long, and told spring tospawn in the riffles above. about my adventures at so many We call them pine suckers and they campfires, that I can not consistare marked by a stripe of dull red ently deny any thing. Neverthedown their sides like rainbow less, every now and then a hunter The evidence was dead a gainst be was grievously afflicted with an her plage, and then Lucy has tak- the man killed. tront. Some springs they run by runs into a bear and kills it. them, but they believed by plead-asthmatic ailment. A cigar would en an orphan girl to raise, whose John Milamo, who was shot in

e faised a large family

swer me, again!"

After being exhilerated by Ber-In writing of this country mened it, one day when Eda came to an acre this heavily timbered land tion should be made of the ramps nard McElwee's good humored me so nicely about two years ago, In the Alleghany Mountains my house on a blank wax grama- underlaid with the best of coal. which has never been accorded its chaff, it was only a matter of a and whose home was only a few One of the heirs proved con- proper place in the literature of few steps to Mrs Col Pritchard's rods distant. Here I found the trary and he held on to a three woods and waters. Like its refin- ample and hospitable home. Here aged and much afflicted Mrs Hoovsounding patting of the violinist's thousand acre tract on Black ed and chastened cousin, the on- it was my pleasure to meet Mrs er, surrounded and cared for by

esculentus.' I would add slightly dogen sons-in-law, that the botesculentus.

time than it takes to tell it, a nice NOTES BY THE WAY bountiful dinner was in evidence Upon rising from the table I had But only he who sees, takes off Lucy to excuse me, while I would

his shoes, call on the family that entertained The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries."

And every common bush afire

with God;

W. T. P. Race War in Nicholas The whites have been making fout on the floor. A man from Mountain-and got fifty thousand ion, it is a lily and is food for the Emma Campbell from Belington, three of her faithful daughters, trouble for the Bohunks in Nich-Pittsburg told me it was very fine dollars for it three years ago; hungry. It is among the first of W. Va, and Mrs Fannie Doyle Mrs Walker, Miss Sallie Hoover olas County. The following dis and expressive, and that he be- And it has doubled in value since the woods' plants to make its ap- of Huntersville, not so far away. and Miss Mary. Mrs Hoover is patches have been sent out to the pearance and is a great boon to The presence of these ladies an interesting woman, and speaks daily papers, and are probably When we were allowed to chase the mountaineer and the camper revived pleasant memories of their intelligently and instructively of overdrawn:

For fifty years the narrow val- the deer with dogs, many deer who is out of onions and needs an venerated parents. Mr and Mrs her long religious experience. She Richwood, W. Va., About fifty ous stands anti-scorbutic. I do not know why deseph Loury, whose names I has had much bodily suffering to forigners arrived at noon today "The Meadows," has been clear- on the river. Since then, while its praises are not sung in the treasure as attached Huntersville endure, along with the toil and fom Tioga. Nicholas county ed, and about three miles on the the deer are plentiful, they are journals devoted to the red gods. friends of long ago, when friends care of a large family of children. where they were run out yesterday premsey only to the fact that it is not widely were friends with me. High-the long, unbroken ridge that upper waters, and it is here that hard to kill, being well protected It may be that it is not widely were friends with me. High-And though she has the tireless by an army of armed American the long, unbroken ridge that the best fishing is obtained, early by the laurel and other tangled distinguished or its virtues note is any community who and affectionate care of as good who made a raid on that place yesin the spring. This little green undergrowth, which makes still- generally known. As a salad it is has among its citizens, a person daughters as any mother ever had, terday. They reported two others valley, bordered by dense black bunting impracticable. The laws without a peer and the breath of ever ready to say a good word she would as leave depart and be injured. The foreigners arriving forests, an acre of which will against deer chasing are well ob- the ramps eater obviates any and give liberally to promote with Christ in Paradise, as to stay here say that the Americans at sometimes measure as much as served and the deer are reaping necessity for fly dope. Strangers whatever may uplift and protect with her children here, whenever Tioga have been making life miseat too freely and are often made the best interests of society, and her Heavenly Father so wills it, erable for them for weeks past. The bears are greatly on the in- sick. The writer would like to equally ready at all times and in his loving wisdom. By request

stream enters these grass-lands crease and there is a blue grass know if the ramp is common to places to fire up with intense in- it was my privilege to sing "Pass Richwood, W. Va., The authexperience of Jesse Hammonds, a from the Meadows plunges into settlement about the extreme head woods of the country generally, dignation and vehemently de- me not O gentle Saviour," "Sa- orities of Nicholas and Webster the Deadwater, where the river of the river, called Beaver Dam, and has not taken its place in nonnee whatever endangers the viour more than life to me." I counties acted in the very nick of which has all but been driven out literature on account of never characters, souls and bodies of read and commented on the 23rd time to prevent another awful miles without perceptible current. of the sheep business by bears, having been adopted by polite so- friends or enemies. While he Psalm, and lead in prayer. That battle between the Americans and Then for twenty miles the river This is a hardship to small land ciety. The modern dictionaries thought beer and whiskey were Psalm teaches us that nothing but foreigners.

owners whose farms lie at too say little or nothing about it, but good things in their place, he most the shadow of death touches the Learning of the hundred or The old land grants speak of great an elevation to raise grain. I find in Bailey's Dictionary vehemently gave it as his opinion one near to the good Shepherd, more men armed with rifles, mak-On the Black Mountain ran one (editorion 1794) "Rampions, a as the father of three sons, and and though the shadow be fright- ing their way from Camden-onman claimed to have identified root proper for sallads, Rapunculus prospective father-in-law of a half ful, there is no harm in it. Gauley to Tioga to rid the mills Upon returning to the Adams and lumber camps of the foreig tomless pit, was the only right home. I found it was about forty ners, they at once gathered posses place for all such liquid stuff. Mr minutes until train time. A beau- and intercepted the armed men. Five or six ice trust people of Loury had however an apologetic tiful framed memorial on the wall They were halted just outside Cleveland, Ohio, who plead guil- word for a good brand of cigars, reminded me, that Jesus had tak- of Tioga while making prepraty of violating the trust laws of such as he was in the habit of en to himself the little daughter tions to raid that section with Ohio were fined \$5,000 each and handling, as he wanted every of the home, named Grace. A awful vengeauce. sent to the workhouse for a year. body to know. For many years very nice little son was sent to take Petro Garbieo is the name of

the thousands, and can be caught Premeditated killing of bears is ing guilty, the Judge would do soothe and quiet the paroxism, manner and appearance interested the groin is dead. The other inand when thus relieved would re- me. At Lucy's request I held an-

Horse Thief Escapes

If the iceman should come to me some day, While weighing out a piece at my back door, And, dropping it upon the porch, should say: "It was so cold last year and year before, The crop is long and we have cut the price'

If he should just say that and lay the ice On my back step and then drive

on-but hush! Such dreams as this are only

silly gush. Or if the butcher, wrapping up

my steak, Should say: "You know, the

corn crop was so vast, and feed so cheap, we're able now to make

A slight reduction in the price at last"-

I say, if he should tell me that and take

Two cents a pound from last week's price of steak, wonder if the shock-but

pshaw! why spare The time to build such castles in the air?

Or if the baker doling out my bread,

Should put a penny back into my hand.

And say: "The world will be more cheaply fed.

Since there is a large wheat erop in the land' Isay, if he should voluntarily

Return a single penny unto me, I wonder if I,d be- but Heart, be still,

There is no possibility he will! Or if my tailor, deftly sizing me

For a new suit, should say: You know that sheep

Are multiplying fast and wool will be

In cloth upon the market very cheap"-I say, if he should just say that and take Five dollars from the price-Barto Rimel, a horsethief under well then, I'd wake Right up and rub my sleepy

in any way. One morning need- rarely known, as this wisest of sons, who took to the woods and lived the life of the Indian. Their ing some for camp and to take the forest annals knows well how wives and children raised a little home, I caught a mess of large to avoid men A rabbit is courcorn, but the men pride themseves ones with my hands and ceased a geous compared to a black bear. on the fact that they never worked only because I had taken all that About twenty-years ago an unarmed fisherman killed a bear were needed? and never will. They know the These pine suckers can only be with a large stone at the Red woods thoroughly and are the best taken at the one time, Just before Hole. He was resting at the to p of hunters and fishers, dig ginseng spawning, and that has had the of a precipitous bank of Manch and find bee trees. They are a effect of greatly depleting them; Chank shale when a bear, chased thorn in the flesh of the sportsmen,

As to eating qualities, taken from by dogs, came into the river and for they kill to sell, and last year the cold waters they have no su-passed at the foot of the bank, when the headwaters of Williams The man cast a large stone down perior. River showed good results from Once we arrived at our camp- upon it and stunned it so that he the planting of a hundred thous.

ing place about the first of May was able to kill it. It was a twoand Government trout, they spent and proceeded to pitch our tent year-old. The occurrence is well the summer fishing for these small near a clear pool in which a dozen anthenticated. trout to sell to the lumber camps.

or so suckers lingered. Some The difficulties with the hears They owe their imminity to the one remarked in a matter of fact and the sheep remind one of fact that they have held possessway that we might as well have the stories of the killing of tigers ion of the lands' of a big land them for dinner and proceeded in India, where every killing of a company and know the corner to calmly "hook" them out; which man-eating tiger is preceded by trees and would be invaluable greatly astonished a visiting the appeal from the village that were its titles ever attacked. sportsman, who seemed to think the sahib come and rid them of Like the Indians the Hammonds for certainy it resembled digging the dangerous beast. This always.

of Bug Ban have been forced on until they are now located in the potatoes. During the Civil War a com- some sahib wants to kill some fringe of woods in the south side mand of Confederate cavalry tried our surplus bears we will get up of the tract and can go no farther. to make a short cut through the the right kind of an appeal. Dogs I one time saw Neal Hammonds mountains to get in Averill's rear, that won't run deer are needed. kill a deer. We were walking down and they came on these suckers at The sheep killers are generally the river from our camp at the the right time and feasted on the biggest bears of them all, and

month of Tea Creek deer hunting, them. They had a mule battery are very wise. They never enter Just as we reached the stand at and had to leave their g p c ghed in a field without first making a comthe Big Island a fawn jumped into the river in a panic of fear. feeing from it step-father, no big guns are there yet, never hav- they "withdraw."' One sheep doubt, and once on the other side the little fellow hit the runway as ing been located.

threw his rifle into position and to the purchase of the greater part flock severely alone. shot the top of the fawn's head of it by capitalists. Before Vir- We have been expecting the plain of the infringement on their proved to be an "unsually large buck fawn.

boys, Eds, is a great musician, ionary War, mostly by specula- Fifty trout in a day can easily be more or less a dreamer of him and detracted from his ability as Paris, to sell at an advance of a troutangler. I caught twenty-four a small cannon on a tug and gaily plied. acre profit on five hundred thous- morning before breakfast. calmer joys of fishing and "sang" digging, and he repudiates the idea and acres was a big sum in those The place that agrees with me that his name is Ed vin or possibly days. These titles were aband- best is the grass land when the

ned and second entries made. Edmund, and gravely informs you About 1850 a farmer, & South- The valley is over three thousand that his name is simply 'Edn, an' nothin' ant "

was with a fiddle made "from the sountry, began to sequire it and Then I do not eare so much for people. We say more strength to entered the hands, in blocks of the fieling. I like to feel that bis elbow. We wish we had him gourd He progressed antil he abt fiddle and itwenty: seven thousands scres and grass and look up to the hills and ... West Virginia He is strangous

he "right thing" by them and let latter thinks be would do.

> From the Hampshire Review, ing from a thousand to fifty thou-

sand baskets. It is thought this

season to facilitate the handling of the crop and get the peaches to the We have no peaches in Pocahontas. dren.

accompanies a tiger story. If ten what few were left. The store ones dont have the taste of

our peaches again. Oregon Milton Dennis, the

State Game Warder of Maryland this State who have so little reraiser found that hanging half a gard for the drinking water of The fact that this immense for: dozen lighted lanterns about his their neighbors farther down the

after it. I took no action, but Neal est preserve remains intact is due farm caused the bears to leave his stream so long as the neighbors

off as it ran. It fell dead and ginia and West Virginia were trout to give out in this stream rights Since his appointment as divided, what is now West Vir- for many years, but time seems to game warder Dennis has been ginia was referred to as the Wes- have no effect on them. There somewhat of a holy terror to the The Hammonds are not educat- tern Waters, a most comprehen- have always about the same num illegal oyster fisher on Chesapeake ed, except in woods lore. They sive and descriptive term. Here ber, and I speak of fifteen years' Bay. In a number of instances complishments as reading or writ- State at the price of four and one- always been trout to catch and the and knives when he went after ing, but these they have never half cents an acre! They had all charm of the countay attracts all them and destroyed their boats hankered after. Yet one of the been taken up after the Revolut- classes and conditions of men. and others paraphanalia. He His artistic temperament has made tors, who carried the titles to New canght when the water and the merely asked the loan of a few Fork, Philadelphia, London and air are right, if one is a fair soldiers from the Governor, put

bear hunter. He takes to the cent or so an acre. One cent an good ones there last summer or e rode up and down the Chesapeake, making it most unhealthy for the violators of the fishing laws. He appears to be equally regardless blue grass first begins to grow, of "vested rights" when they ern selonel, realizing the wonder. feet above sea level and the peaks overstep the bounds of decency Edn's first attempt in music ful richness of the Williams River, about rise to five thousand feet. and trespass upon the rights of the This did not seem to dis-

them off on the payment of a light mark, as I have often heard him, other cottage prayer-meeting, havfine. Occasionally, it seems, we find "there is hardly a Sabbath day but ing her and the two children, for a man on the bench who sees as what I give special thanks to my andience.

the layman sees and acts as the Heavenly Father for the comfort ... Alas and did my Saviour penitentiary sentence from Pen-I get from Tobacco." Mrs Stuart bleed" was sung, and a lesson dleton county, this State, escaped Campbell, favors her father very was read and commented upon, from Sheriff Mansey, while being much and this pleasingly empha- from the 11th chapter of Luke, taken to the State prison at it is learned that the peach grop sized the memories awakened by and prayer was offered. One Moundsville, Wednesday. The of Hampshire County is something the presence of herself and sister. rainy Saturday years ago, when escape was made from a Chesa phenomenal this year. There are As I have so frequently written Lucy and her three younger sis- peake & Ohio train, twenty-eight hundreds of orchards, to care for of pleasant visits to this hospitable ters, were very little girls, their miles from Huntington. The the product the owners are buy- Dunmore home. I need not make mother Mrs Hannah McLaughlin, prisoner. who was handouffed any particular mention how pleas- had me come to her home, receive jumped from a car window while ant everything was made for me, the mother into church commun- the train was in motion and made supply of baskets will be insuffi- during the more than forty cool ion and baptize the four little his escape.

cient. Petitions-have also been and rainy hours I spent there, girls, from whom she thought it In March last Rimel escaped made to the railway company to William J. Pritchard so recently would be the Divine will she from the temporary jail at Frankrun a third train during the peach bereaved of his very excellent should be taken soon, she had been lin, locking his guards in the young wife is for a time at the so long a weak, declining invalid, building. He had been at large old home, with his motherless lit- God however, has willed it until last Thursday, when he was market in better condition. All tle son and daughter Glenn and otherwise and that mother still recaptured at the home of a relathis makes our mouth dribble. Margaret, bright and lovely chil- lives a blessing to her family and tive near White Sulphur Springs. Ifriends. Such a memorial as Lucy Rimel was a prisoner in the Pen-

We never did have many, but the Mrs Margaret Hughart, the has in her room reminds us that dieton county jail last fall when last few years the blight has got- widowed grandmother of these it was to comfort sorrowing people the building was destroyed by fire. promising children was one of my that God sent his Son Jesus, as a He is supposed to have fired the called the Churchman law, and is first Sunday, school scholars, at man of sorrows and acquainted building and eame near being that all railways shall provide the home flavored ones. We want the Warm Springs in 1857-59. with grief to say unto all in their roasted alive. He is wanted in books containing 500 miles of mi-When I recall how faithfully trouble "Come unto me all ye Missouri and Montana on charges

her mother, Mrs Mary Bonar that labor and are heavy laden for horse and cattle stealing. It would be in her place, along with and I will give you rest." her half grown daughter every One of the few times this won- Montana he overpowered a sheriff, the Chesapeake Western, not a

the woods os New Mountain, at plete circuit to see if a man has uting the Potomac. He has horns I have thoughts well nigh too per, was when some meddlesome and made his escape from that of the railways. It is supposed the foot of the Dead water. These crossed the fence. If he has, out even for the manufacturers in deep for tears; for Mary Bonar's persons tried to keep fathers and State.-News.

presence, and prayers were of mothers from bringing their little special value to me, a young; children to him for his notice and ready-to-halt and inexperienced blessings. He rebuked the parminister. It grieves me to bear ties for their interference and that Mrs Hughart is a much afflict- said "Suffer the little children to ed person, and it is my fervent come unto me, and forbid them prayer, that she may be specially not, for of such is the kingdom of sustained for all her mother was Heaven." Then he took them to me. Thursday morning after up in his arms and blessed them. Of all characters, his is the most declaiming offers for a buggy ride to the station, I halted Marion wonderful. It is enough to make may know that there are such ac- the lands were for sale by the constant experience. There have they made war on him with guns Gum for a seat in the mail hack. such as I am feel ashamed of him-Capt. Swecker, an expert in self for attempting to write about postal matters, classified me as a character so wonderful and ourth class mail stuff, as Marion whose power was such as to touch eemed satisfied with twenty five everything in the present life in cents worth of wear and tear re- such away that the greatest comsponsibility for the service im- mon places flamed with a glory, which had never before been re Sun, moon and stars may vary, vealed.

A very gifted English woman but Marion has caught on, as was so impressed by this 'wonderyet, and so he was on time to a fraction of a minute. In a few ful Man, that she wrote this as minutes more I was at the home expressive of her enthusiasm. "Nothing's Small! No lily-muffled hum of a summer

the spinning stars;

eyes and laugh, To think of tailors giving me such chaff.

know that these are merely dreams-that ice

And meat and bread are going up-that crop Or weather will do naught but

raise the price: There is no likelihood of any

drop; But my employer tells me he

will give Me higher wage-it costs so

much to live-So now I do not need to skimp and scratch-

My pipe is out! Has any one a match? -J. W. FOLEY.

Saturday Evening Post.

this high handed setting at naugh

the commonwealth's law means

Over in Virginia they have a two-cent railway fare law. It is leage and be sold for \$10. The law came into effect some weeks is said that on one occasion in ago, but with a single exception, is after the people who are poll- Sabbath, hot or cool, rain or shine, derful man ever showed his tem- deprived the officer of his horse mileage book was on sale by any

C. & Q. Promotion

that it is the intention of the rail-Mr. E. W. Grice, superintendway to test the law and no doubt ent of the Huntington division of they will carry it to the court of the C. & O. Railway, has been court of last resort. No one promoted to the general superintendency of th egrand division of questions the right of the railways to test the constitutionality of the West Virginia, just created, comlaw, but we do not like their utter prising the Huntington and Greenbrier divisions. His office will disregard for the will of the people. Until a court of competent remain at Hinton, Mr. J. W. jurisdiction has passed on the mat-Haynes, of this place, assist ant superintendent of the Greenbrier ter, it is law and all should redivision, is promoted by the same spect and abide by it, or be made order to superintendent of the to suffer the penalty. Other peo-Greenbrier division, with office at ple don't like the position assum-Roneeverte, -News, ed by the railways, nor will they

N. & W Cigarettes

Sweeping is the bulletin just Old State. There they can enacs issued against the cigarette smokers by the officials of the Norfolk a two-cent fare law but dont meet & Western railroad. The lover able to put it in effect, while over of the coffin tack must give up his

here the railway party is strong habit or be dismissed as the bulletin states that those who employ enough to successfully block that must not engage any who use the sort of legislation. sort of legislation. orgarette and further that those

For Sale

stand for it forever. They are

one step in advance of us in the

fired at the first opportunity. This 450 acres rich limestone grazmeans that the cigarette must go ing land a mile and a half from

of Mr and Mrs Adams, and found ner up to the elbows in the suds.

concert her, however, for she had fixed for me two days hefore and

there was still something left, and No pebble at your foot, but proves and there will be a great many

